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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed for providing basic minimum services in the country during 9th Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the Government have reviewed the implementation of scheme recently;

(c) if so, the names of the field alongwith the results thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): No targets were fixed under the Basic Minimum Services Programme forproviding the basic services in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan. However, in order to complement the resources of the States and UTs in their efforts to ensure basic services for all in a time-bound manner, Additional Central Assistance (ACA) was provided by the Planning Commission for BMS since 1996-97.

(b): Periodic Review of the Basic Minimum Services (BMS) Programme was undertaken by the Government.

(c) and (d): In the current year, however, the ACA for BMS provided by theCentral Government has been replaced by the ACA for Pradhan Mantri Gromodaya Yojana (PMGY).The allocation for PMGY is Rs. 5000 crore for theAnnual Plan 2000-01. PMGY has two components, namely, Rural Roads with an allocation of Rs. 2500 crore and the Other Programmes of PMGY, namely,Primary Health, Primary Education, Shelter, Drinking Water and Nutrition with anequal allocation of Rs. 2500 crore. The PMGY has been launched to achieve the objective of sustainable human development at the village level.